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SUBJ: TRENDS IN SRI LANKA RUBBER PRODUCTION

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WHILE THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA (GSL) IS PLEDGED TO
IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY IN THE PLANTATION SECTOR AS A WHOLE,
THERE HAS SO FAR BEEN NO INDICATION THAT RUBBER WILL RECEIVE
ANY SPECIAL EMPHASIS. DESPITE A REPLANTING SUBSIDY OF RS.

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1,500 (\$156 AT THE CURRENT OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE) PER ACRE
AND A 50 PERCENT SUBSIDY ON FERTILIZER, BOTH REPLANTING AND
THE USE OF FERTILIZER HAVE BEEN FAR BELOW TARGETS. HOWEVER,
BOTH TEA AND COCONUT PLANTATIONS HAVE MORE SERIOUS PROBLEMS
THAN RUBBER AND ARE LIKELY TO RECEIVE MOST OF THE GSL'S ATTEN-
TION. AFTER RISING STEADILY DURING THE LATE 1960'S, RUBBER
OUTPUT HAS FLUCTUATED MARKEDLY SINCE 1970. AFTER A VERY POOR

YEAR IN 1974 WHEN PRODUCTION DROPPED TO 301 MILLION POUNDS,
OUTPUT ROSE 9.0 PERCENT IN 1975 AND 2.1 PERCENT IN 1976 TO
REACH 335 MILLION POUNDS. IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1977,
PRODUCTION WAS UP 5.7 PERCENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR
EARLIER. GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY EXPERTS BELIEVE A 5 PERCENT
ANNUAL GROWTH RATE TO 1980 IS A REASONABLE PROJECTION.
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